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Aim: Establish collaboration between EU and third country Universities through individual mobility of students, scientists and university staff.

Instruments:

1. multilateral institutional partnership:
consortium (lot 8)
2. individual mobility grants



Lot 8: 6 Partners from Kazakhstan

Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics & Strategic Research (KIMEP)	Almaty
Kazakh Economic University (Ryskulov)	Almaty
Kazakh National Technical University (Satbayev)	Almaty
Eurasian National University (Gumlyov)	Astana
International Kazakh-Turkish University (Yasawi)	Turkestan
Karaganda State University (Buketov)	Karaganda



Lot 8: 9 Partners from Europe

Eindhoven University of Technology	Netherlands
Free University Berlin	Germany
Humboldt University Berlin	Germany
Lund University	Sweden
Deusto University	Spain
Algarve University	Portugal
University of Ljubljana	Slovenia
University of Bucharest	Romania
METU Ankara	Turkey

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Mobility Grants: Target Groups

Target group 1: Students and academic staff from members of the consortium (EU-members have been excluded in this lot).

Target group 2: graduate students and researchers from other universities in the non-EU partner country.

Target group 3: qualified nationals of the partner country in a vulnerable situation (refugees..).

Mobility only towards EU institutions of the consortium !!



Mobility Grants: Purpose

Individual mobility grants can be used for:

- **learning**
- **teaching**
- **research**
- **cooperation in management**



Mobility Grants by Types:

type of mobility	duration (month)	monthly allowance (+ travel, insurance)
undergraduates	3-10	1000 €
master	3-22	1000 €
doctoral students	6-34	1500 €
post-docs	6-10	1800 €
academic staff	1-3	2500 €



Application Process:

1. Application through on-line-system
2. Host-university selection committee decides upon eligibility
3. Eligible candidates are informed and send documents
4. Host-university selection committee ranks applicants per category
5. Consortium selection committee makes final decision based on:
 - Rankings
 - Reasonable distribution among sending and receiving institutions
 - Gender....



Schedule:

April/May: extension of the framework agreement with budget.

June/July: application for individual grants through online-application system of the coordinator (sometimes second round).

- *Cv, research proposal / motivation letter,*
- *certificates,*
- *acceptance from receiving institution*

August: acceptance letter

1 April following year: latest start of mobility



How to work with it?

The grants are **competitive**: It is possible to attract highly qualified students and researchers.

The support is **flexible**: learning, teaching, research..

But:

The schedule is **inconvenient**: Acceptance letter in August for a start **latest** in April. Most study programs start in September/October!

The approach is entirely **TOP-DOWN**. Very little involvement of scientists / departments on the ground. This can only work, if there are already good connections in place.



Example I:

Master's in Economics & Management Science at HUB (same for Doctoral Program):

Application Deadline: March 31

Documents: CV, motivation/proposal, two reference letters, GRE, language test

Acceptance/Rejection: early June

End of June: Call all from my university selection committee to evaluate the on-line documents and rank applicants for EM ECW.



Example II:

From my point of view:

Applications are too late (deadline was March 31)

Applications are incomplete (GRE is missing)

We are reasonably flexible:

University is member of consortium

Aim to develop relations to Kazakh universities

Problem:

In April 2008 we already rejected a large number of very good applicants.



Solution:

Combine Top-Down with Bottom Up approach

1. Students who want to apply for EM-ECW should beforehand (or in parallel) apply directly at the receiving study program.
2. Cooperation at the level of departments (or even chairs) should facilitate this process (very unfortunate that Lot 8 does not support mobility in direction to Kazakhstan).
3. Selection should focus entirely on quality and ignore “balance” among sending and receiving institutions, gender etc..



Examples of first results:

Aim: establish collaboration between EU and third country Universities – example of KIMEP

1. Humboldt – KIMEP: plans to sign bilateral agreements on student exchange, joint degree program and joint project (Tempus?).
2. Lund – KIMEP: bilateral agreements signed on student exchange; plans on faculty mobility program and joint project (Tempus?).
3. METU – KIMEP: bilateral agreements signed on student exchange; plans on faculty mobility and joint conference.